Claims

1-87. (Cancelled)

88. (Currently amended) A method for domain name management comprising:

identifying a domain name with a first registration;

identifying an interested party desiring a succeeding registration for the domain name;

monitoring a status of the first registration;

immediately and automatically effecting the succeeding registration to the interested party as soon as possible after the status of the first registration indicates that the domain name is registrable, without further action by the interested party, so as to effect the succeeding registration of the name to the interested party before any other party can obtain a registration of the name;

wherein said immediately and automatically effecting the succeeding registration includes determining an expected deletion date for the first registration;

defining a time period on or about the expected deletion date for monitoring the status; and

periodically checking the status within the time period so as to detect the domain name status change as soon as possible after it occurs[.] and

wherein said checking includes checking the status at a predefined frequency during the time period, and further including

predicting an earliest moment of registrability for the domain name based on the expected deletion date; and

increasing the frequency of said checking, proximate to the predicted earliest moment of registrability.

89.- 91.(Canceled)

92. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes pinging a registrar.

93. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes substantially contemporaneous pinging of multiple registrars.

94. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes pinging a registry.

95. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes receiving a communication pushed from a registrar.

96. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes receiving a communication from a registry.

97.- 130. (Cancelled)